

University Council
Graduate Student Association Report
Hank Clay, President
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The Graduate Student Association joins the University of Georgia campus in mourning the loss of Michael Johnson. I can speak for all graduate students in thanking him for his dedication to graduate education. Our thoughts are with his family and all the many people who thought of him as their friend.

Similar to the administration, faculty, staff, and other students, the graduate student body is increasingly aware with each passing day that the near-term economic outlook is bleak. The Graduate Student Association appreciates the efforts by President Adams and his administration to continue to preserve the human capital of the University of Georgia.

GSA continues to believe that graduate education is central to the University's educational mission, and that graduate education is the key to maintaining the reputation of UGA across the nation. I ask that the university community stand with us as we work through this current state of the economy.

As one economist said, "With each day of losses we are one day closer to the bottom." We are excited for brighter times in the future.